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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Communications on topics of local interest are always welcome, but to insure insertion they must be brief and to the point. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views of correspondents. Anonymous articles will receive no attention. Address all communications to the Proprietor.

VENOR predicts an open winter on the American continent.

GOVERNOR WILTZ, of Louisiana, died on Sunday at New Orleans. He was elected Governor in 1879.

WINDOM was last night nominated for United States Senator by the Republican caucus of the Minnesota Legislature.

NEXT THURSDAY will be "Governors' Day" at the Atlanta International Cotton Exposition, and a large gathering is expected.

A PACKAGE of dynamite, said to be sufficient to blow a train to atoms, was found on the track of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, at Zanesville on Saturday.

THESE Virginia duellists seem to shoot in a wild, vague sort of way that must be very dangerous to anybody standing off twenty or thirty yards to either side of them.

DURING the year ending on Tuesday, 368,045 immigrants arrived at New York, an increase of 97,089 over the corresponding period ending last October. 130,802 came from Germany and 53,244 from Ireland.

MAYOR KING, of Philadelphia, is determined to enforce the law requiring permanent fire-escapes on hotels, factories and schools. The recent horror at the Randolph Mills has freshly awakened public interest in this matter.

It is possible that Guiteau's lawyer may prove that President Garfield shot himself in the back and then slipped the pistol into Guiteau's hand. There is nothing what these Chicago lawyers can't do when they have half a chance.

EDISON has already been granted two hundred and nine patents and yet he is not happy. He has applications filed for nearly a hundred more. While he may be called the greatest inventor of the age, he has totally neglected to invent a bureau drawer that didn't have everything a man wanted at the bottom of it.

The military organizations at the Yorktown Centennial, comprising about ten thousand men, were reviewed yesterday by the President, Cabinet officers and foreign guests. General Hancock rode at the head of the line. The celebration has come to a close and it has fallen much below the expectations of those who have visited it.

MAHONEY is not going to fight any duels this fall. He says the Realists need him almost every hour and whenever they can spare him the Republicans want him to make up the "constitutional majority." He is not going to take any foolish chances before a pistol if he is as thin as a boarding-house pie and as hard to hit as a tin Indian standing edgeways.

GOSSETT about Cabinet changes has been resumed at Washington, but if Arthur knows himself what he is going to do, he is keeping his mouth tightly closed shut about it. Several states have been made up but purely by guess-work, which does very well when it hits. It is, however, pretty much of a certainty that all the Garfield Cabinet will be allowed to go, with the possible exception, perhaps, of Secretary Lincoln. That Conkling will have a place in the new deal is more than likely.

HOSTILITIES with the Indians in the wild west will cease pretty soon. The noble red man who is clothed only in a hawk-feather, a yard of calico and a thoughtful mood already feels that owing to the inclemency of the weather he must quit fighting and draw on the agent of the Great Father for a shabby blanket and a side of pork. Next spring the restraints of civilization will begin to prey upon his mind, and to be happy he will have to go out into the wild, free prairie again and scalp a few settlers.

ACCORDING to the returns of the late State election in Iowa there seems to be about 50,000 more Republicans than Democrats in that State. It is a lonesome sort of State for Democrats to live in, and we guess the most of them are moving away. We used to know a man who published a Democratic newspaper out there four or five years ago, but two of his subscribers died and four moved off in search of less snow and more civilization and the publisher was obliged to quit. He wanted to trade the good-will to the writer for a mule. It was a mighty poor mule, but it was ambitious enough to carry us out of the State, so we declined to trade.

CERTIFICATES of authority are to be issued by Insurance Commissioner McFee to the agents of the grave-yard insurance companies operating in Wilmington. Their operations, it seems, cannot be prevented under the existing insurance laws of Delaware if the companies are incorporated under the laws of any other State and can show by statement that they have assets to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars over all liabilities and claims. So, armed with authority from the Insurance Commissioner, the agents of these companies formed for the nefarious purpose of speculating on human life will doubtless proceed to push their trade at a lively rate in Delaware.

## OUR FAST MAIL SERVICE.

THE TRANSCRIPT, we learn, now reaches our Pennsylvania and New Jersey subscribers along about Tuesday or Wednesday of the week after its publication, when there are no delays or accidents on the railroads. This is doing pretty well and we have hopes that the time between us and our patrons in the aforementioned states may yet be shortened an hour or two. Our paper, of course, is mailed on Friday evening and some of our Philadelphia patrons think they ought to get it on Saturday, or, at latest on Monday afternoon, but they probably do not realize that the average mail route agent has not more than six hours out of the time he is on duty to read the daily papers and discuss the policy of the administration with the express messenger and the candy-package boy. People expect entirely too much of mail route agents and post-office employees generally. They expect them to distribute whole bags of country newspapers when the express messenger is waiting to discuss Blaine's chances in '84 or the probability of a further advance on Northern Squelunk railroad stock. Country papers don't amount to much, anyway. If they get out to the subscribers three or four days after publication day, the subscribers will only think that the editor has been to the horse race or that the foreman has caught malaria by smelling at the bung hole of a cigar barrel, and they will think it is all right. That's what the route agent thinks as he lights a fresh cigar while the train speeds on with five or six bushels of newspapers unsorted. It is fifty-five miles to Philadelphia and we can get a letter there and delivered in about six hours, but we do not hope to get the TRANSCRIPT there and delivered to subscribers in less than three days. At least, not unless we employ a special ox team service for the purpose.

## Literary Gossip.

BURDETTE, the Hawkeye man, will reside the coming winter in Philadelphia.

HARPER for November has an illustrated poem from the pen of Howard Pyle, entitled "Tilghman's Ride to Philadelphia." The illustrations are also by Mr. Pyle.

The country press of America loses thousands of dollars annually by fraudulent patent medicine concerns, and yet a good many publishers never seem to profit by the experience of either themselves or others. They are always ready to bite at a new bait.

## Chips.

Sitting Bull, we are reliably informed never shed tears in his life until he heard an accordion. The fall crop of wives is reported to be very short in Utah. Some of the chief saints haven't been able to get married more than twice a week since the opening of the season.

A young lady recently asked a Middletown young man if he "ever courted the Muses." He said no, he "never courted anybody in his life but a girl on East Main street, and her name didn't sound any thing like that." It is a noticeable fact that a great many people never find out that they are innuendoes until they have killed somebody and are about to be tried for the crime. The quickest cure for this sort of lunacy is a tight-rope exercise, in one act.

The Middletown TRANSCRIPT thinks Bayard will be of more service to the country and his party on the floor of the Senate than in the speaker's chair. We would "smile" if we could. *Wilmington Republican.* We are sorry you cannot "smile" again. Won't the bartender thank you any more?

There is a dog in Middletown that has a good strong voice, capable of going pretty well up toward high C, but it needs cultivation. Every time the bell on Cox's carriage shop rings this dog joins in with a sort of vocal accompaniment in a minor key, and sometimes there seems to be more dog than bell and again more bell than dog. When the concert is at the climax you can almost imagine you are listening to Italian opera at fifteen dollars a front seat.

VIRGINIA DUELS.—A duel took place between Captain Riddleberger and George D. Wise, about ten miles from Richmond, Virginia, on Saturday afternoon. The belligerents fired four shots at each other without effect. After the fourth round the seconds interfered and the duel was adjourned until an amicable adjustment followed. Wise had published a caricaturizing Riddleberger as "a liar and a scoundrel." A duel was to have been fought also between Riddleberger and Beirne, junior editor of the Richmond State, which published Wise's card, but Beirne's friend forgot to put caps on the pistols; and the whole party, including Beirne and Wise, were soon after arrested, but Riddleberger escaped arrest. Senator Mahone was arrested in Washington on Saturday night to prevent him from fighting a duel with General J. A. Early, but he was released on his own recognizance on assuring the Judge that "the idea of fighting a duel with General Early had never entered his mind."

PIMICO RACES.—On Tuesday the one mile race for all ages was won by Bowie's Compensation, the Dixie stakes for three-year-olds was won by Bowie's Crickmore, the two mile race was won by Lorillard's Ferida, and the steeple race by Ike Bonham. On Wednesday the first race was won by Lilly's Bob Riddle, the central stakes by Lorillard's Memento, the one mile race by Lorillard's Parole, and the Pimlico stakes by Reed's Thora. On Thursday the first race was won by Parole, the vestal stakes by Bramblette, the one-and-a-half mile race by Parole, the compensation purse by Lorillard's Greenland, and the steeple race by Ingomar.

MRS. HARRIET SMITH, wife of a New York merchant, residing at Upper Montclair, New Jersey, attempted suicide on Saturday morning, by drowning. Being prevented, she cut her throat, and was removed to a hospital in Paterson. Here she tore open the wound with her fingers, and separated the jugular vein, causing instant death.

THE jewelry store of L. C. Barney, at Little Rock, Arkansas, was robbed of \$400 worth of diamonds on Monday evening.

## Correspondence of the Transcript.

Letter from Yorktown.

YORKTOWN, VA., Oct. 19.—It does not take one long to see Yorktown. It is nothing but a dilapidated village, which has nothing to boast of save its historical associations. At the time of the siege it contained about sixty houses, but a considerable portion of the village was destroyed by fire in 1814 and the inhabitants have not yet decided to rebuild. The Centennial Association organized the present celebration and has done everything in its power to make the affair a success. It purchased the Temple farm, which covers the battle ground; refitted the Moore House, which was the headquarters of the British, and built a hall for the ceremonies. The Moore farm lies a mile away from the village and is the camping and parade ground of the troops. The site of the Centennial monument is on the bluff, near the village, and is conspicuous from the water for a long distance.

The Delaware troops arrived here Tuesday morning and went into camp. They had a pleasant trip down, reaching Crisfield at 7.45 of Monday. The steamer "Maggie" brought them across the bay and landed them here about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The town is full of thieves and gamblers. A young man of polished address with a pious look in his off eye introduced himself to your correspondent yesterday. He said he was a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and he wanted some nice moral young man to go around with. I felt extremely flattered and I went around with him for a while, but he introduced me to two more members of the Young Men's Christian Association, as he called them, at their headquarters. After a while one of them, who said he was preparing himself for a high and noble walk of life, took out a pack of cards and asked me if I ever played for amusement. Then I began to have my suspicions about these pious-looking young men, and I said, "Sir, do you know that I am an honorary member of the Young Men's Christian Association?" You cannot tempt me. I am an orphan, far away from home, but you cannot deceive me. I can take an amusement at ten dollars an amusement. Then I rose up and went away from there. There are about 20,000 people here and all who have come ashore seem pretty much disgusted with the town. The dust is ankle deep and everything and everybody is covered with it. Clouds of it float in the air, it gets into one's ears, eyes and mouth, and sits down one's back, making one feel as if one were a man on a railroad excursion in charge of a pair of twins.

President Arthur arrived yesterday and was greeted by an outburst of artillery. Governor Holliday received the national visitors, including Senators Bayard, Davis, McDonald and Hawley. Everybody recognizes the grand soldier Hancock, and his appearance often brings a round of cheers. The corner stone for the monument was laid in the afternoon with Masonic ceremonies, amid an immense, perspiring and dust-covered throng. Addresses were made by Governor Holliday and Senators Johnson and Riddleberger. The French visitors were not present.

Nothing is free here but dust. I went down to the river front to-day and found that a man had fenced off and was charging people twenty-five cents to look at it, and no complimentary to the press. I wanted to see the spot where Rochambeau's brass band put the flower of Cornwallis' army to flight and a man charged me fifty cents to come into the field. I went up to the cured ground-floor, front room lodging in a fence corner, and the owner of the fence came along and charged me two dollars, but said he would make a reduction if I would stay till Saturday. There is no moon just now or some enterprising fellow would have claimed to have rented it, and then would have charged it off and charged ten cents a square foot for moonlight.

The exercises to-day consisted of a prayer by Bishop Harris; addresses by President Arthur, M. Outrey, the Marquis de Rochambeau and Baron Steuben; an oration by R. C. V. Thompson, and the reading of a Centennial poem by James Barron Hope, of Virginia. Rochambeau spoke in French and the Baron Steuben in German. I was particularly pleased with the two addresses and was a deep listener. I met one of the French guests this morning and wanted to be polite and friendly. I said, "Parlez vous Français?" He must have thought I didn't mean it, for he passed on without replying. I always thought these French people were more civil.

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one already constructed of large capacity and only ten miles therefrom, it is barely possible that they might, out of courtesy, listen to those who might wish for capital for its construction, but would never invest their surplus funds in such a useless undertaking. But why another canal across the states of Delaware and Maryland? These capitalists and bankers ask. They have been plainly told there is no necessity for such a work, as has been intimated on more than one occasion, through the press of Baltimore and Philadelphia. There is no immediate necessity for more canals. The one now in use, for the present, is ample for all the necessities of the trade between the large cities, and when the demand is made, then the present one (Chesapeake and Delaware canal) can be enlarged at an outlay of only \$3,000,000 to such capacity as to permit of the passage of our largest ocean steamships. There can be little more said on the subject. The project is a visionary one at best, and any capital expended upon such a work would be thrown away. Those who intend to invest their surplus means will find good cause that the investment will produce good results to themselves.

L. V. H.

JOHN WALSH was arrested at West End, New Jersey, on Monday evening, on the charge of beating his seventeen-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, to death.

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WHEAT—Prime red, 1 1/2 1/4 Yellow, - - - 72 3/4  
Timothy Seed, 1 1/2 1/4 White, - - - 70 1/2  
OATS—Southern, 48 3/4 Rye, - - - 1 00 1/2

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